

AB 599 Interagency Task Force (ITF)

Cal/EPA Headquarters Building
2nd Floor, Training Room 2 West
Sacramento, CA

Meeting Summary

Wednesday, September 4, 2002

ATTENDEES

ITF Members:

Al Vargas, CDFA
Gary Yamamoto, DHS
Dan Gallagher, DTSC
Doug Osugi, DWR
Lisa Babcock, SWRCB
John Troiano, DPR

Interested Parties:

Steve Ekstrom, The Results Group
Neil Dubrovsky, USGS
Tim Parker, Groundwater Resources Assoc.
John Borkovich, SWRCB
Sarah Raker, SF Bay RWQCB
Ken Belitz, USGS
James Giannopoulos, SWRCB

Convene Meeting

- Steve Ekstrom opened the meeting at 9:40 am.

Approval of Previous ITF Meeting Summary

- The meeting summary from the July 25, 2002, ITF meeting was approved by the ITF.

Re-Cap of August 28, 2002, PAC Meeting Discussion

ITF members reviewed topics discussed at the August 28, 2002, PAC Meeting. The following is a summary of the ITF discussion:

- ♦ PAC needs to speak with one voice, since they all speak as individuals
- ♦ Local agency participation in the Program – It's limited!
- ♦ Proposition 40 funding - \$7M for public agencies and nonprofits to monitor groundwater

Statewide Groundwater Monitoring Program Overview (Ken Belitz - USGS)

Ken presented an overview of his progress on the statewide program:

- Area of basin
- Agricultural usage
- Population served
- Number of DHS Wells
- 93% of the population is reliant on groundwater (according to Bill Templin)
- 93% of the DHS wells cover each basin with greater than 20 wells (in each individual basin)
- Need to study basins under "special circumstances"
- Basins could be prioritized by number of DHS wells: > 350 wells to <20 wells (like in Basin ranges, Mojave, Imperial)

Action Item for ITF (Steve Ekstrom):

Set up meet with David Beckman and Bill Mills of PAC to discuss how to better communicate with the PAC.

Action Item for ITF:

Construct “Matrix” with proposed/potential alternatives:

- 10 year monitoring cycle?
- \$10M monitoring option?
- 50 to 100 basins per year (funding/staffing dependent)
- GAMA program’s baseline funding vulnerable to budget cuts
- Integrate existing data @ \$1 to 2M per year
- Statewide minimal assessment for all basins ; comprehensive for some?

Action Item for ITF:

- Develop Program Matrix
- Local agency involvement in Program

Action Item for John B.:

- Create list of Key points from ITF meetings and send to PAC members:
 - Prioritization criteria (USGS)
 - Developed alternatives toward making the Program matrix
 - Developed building blocks
 - Draft Report Chapters
 - Send Hydro Glossary

Meeting Adjourned at 3:15